

SYSTEM IN NAVY OF OPERATION IS ALL WRONG, SAYS FLEET ADMIRAL

Training Given To Students At Annapolis Worthless To Them For Practical Naval Work, According To This Senior Officer

GRADE OF MIDSHIPMAN SHOULD BE RESTORED

Promotion By Selection Only Alternative To Secure For Service Best Men, and Seniority Rule Ought To Be Abandoned

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, February 26.—The whole system of the present operation of the Navy by the department was criticized yesterday by Admiral Cameron McRae, commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet, who appeared before the house committee on naval affairs to continue his testimony regarding naval conditions and necessities. The admiral declared that the training given the students at the naval academy is worthless to them for practical naval work and that the present system of promotions retards the best men and retains the unfit in positions of command.

Polytechnic Unlearned
The polytechnic education given the students at Annapolis is "utterly unlearned" as a means of training men to handle ships at sea, he said. One way of training men is by making them actually perform the work and to accomplish this, he said, the grade of midshipman should be reestablished and the junior officers made to acquire a portion of their training with the fleet.

For the further benefit of the Navy, said Admiral Winslow, the present system of promotion through seniority should be done away with and a system of selection for promotion, to begin with the entrance of the student at the naval academy, should be inaugurated.

Selection System Best
Under the selection system, the ones unfit for war tasks could be weeded out and the best fitted could be advanced to places of command. The Pacific Fleet commander stated that one of the pressing needs of the navy on the Pacific was a "big ship yard" on the waterfront of San Francisco Bay. The Mare Island yard, he said, because of the limitations of the channel approach, could never be developed as a proper yard for modern ships. He also recommended the enlargement of the Puget Sound yard.

Admiral Winslow's opinion regarding the submarine necessities of the Pacific Coast was asked by a member of the committee.

Submarines Discussed
The admiral stated that he did not feel himself justified in making any dogmatic statement in the matter and recommended that the naval war college be requested to determine just how many submarines should be provided. The four shore bases for submarines, as suggested by Rear Admiral A. W. Grant, present commander of the Atlantic submarine flotilla, would be sufficient, he thought, but he doubted if forty-eight boats, as recommended by Admiral Grant, would be found sufficient to guard all the approaches to the coast.

BERLIN CROWDS COWED BY CAVALRY, HOLLAND REPORT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
AMSTERDAM, February 26.—Echo le Belge, the Belgian organ published here, declares that it has reliable information concerning a serious outbreak in Berlin on Tuesday, when a demonstration against the government and in favor of peace was attempted. Cavalry was called out to subdue the rioters, the soldiers charging the crowd and using their sabres freely. One hundred were killed in the street fighting, the people making a stand and attempting to beat back the soldiers.

TYPHUS CROSSES BOUNDARY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
EL PASO, February 26.—The first case of the dreaded typhus fever to attack an American this side of the boundary line, was reported last night. The victim is Immigration Inspector Ruttor. He was taken at once to the detention hospital.

NEEDS MORE DIPLOMATS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, February 25.—Secretary Lansing has asked Congress for appropriations for twelve additional secretaries in the legations abroad, as the result of the additional work the United States has assumed in caring for the diplomatic interests of warring nations.

CANDIDS STILL AT LARGE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SEATTLE, February 26.—The bandits who held up the North Coast Limited near Covington on Thursday, February 24, it is believed have not been captured and it is believed they have reached this city. The amount of loot they obtained has not as yet been estimated.

SLAVS BUY THREE JAPAN WARSHIPS

Pay \$7,500,000 For Vessels
Lost During War With
Nippon

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)

TOKIO, February 25.—One result of the visit of Prince Michaelovitch of Russia to Japan has been the sale of three Japanese warships to Russia.

They are the second-class cruiser Soya, the pre-dreadnought Sagami and the pre-dreadnought Tango. All were Russian ships salvaged by the Japanese after the Russo-Japanese war. The price paid was yen 15,000,000 (\$7,500,000) and some consideration not made public.

The Soya was sunk at Chumnapo in February, 1904, and was salvaged in August, 1905. She was laid down at Chumnapo in May, 1899, and was completed in 1901; has four ten-inch guns; is 424 feet on the waterline, seventy-one feet beam and twenty-seven feet draft. Her speed is about sixteen miles an hour.

The Sagami is a vessel of 12,074 tons. She was laid down in 1897 and completed in 1901; has four ten-inch guns; is 424 feet on the waterline, seventy-one feet beam and twenty-seven feet draft. Her speed is about sixteen miles an hour.

The Tango is a coast-defense battleship. She was sunk at Port Arthur in 1904, and was salvaged in 1905. She is a vessel of 11,000 tons; was built in 1894; has four twelve-inch guns; is 367 feet on the waterline, sixty-nine feet beam and twenty-eight feet draft. Her speed is about seventeen miles an hour.

The Soya was here about six years ago with the Aso, both having aboard cadets of the Japanese navy.

JAPANESE-RUSSIAN ALLIANCE ASSURED

Sending of Envoy To Court of
Czar Regarded As Proof

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)

TOKIO, February 24.—That it is now only a question of time, until the consummation of the much talked-of Russo-Japanese alliance, is the belief of Japanese circles, who say that the diplomatic circles, who say that the alliance has been decided upon, and will be announced in the near future. The decision of the Japanese emperor to send Prince Kanin to Petrograd, thus returning the recent visit of the Czar's special envoy, is looked on as strong proof of the alliance.

MUSSELMANS ABANDON KUT-EL-AMARA DRIVE

Approach of Bagdad By Russians
May Be Reason

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, February 26.—It is reported that the Turks have abandoned all further planned attacks against the British regiments entrenched at Kut-el-Amara, whether because of the heavy losses which have accompanied the efforts to capture the British expeditionary force, or because of the approach of Bagdad from the north by the Russians is not stated.

The Russians are reported to be now within striking distance of Bagdad, while the reinforcements for General Aylmer are almost within hand-clapping reach.

Along the Russian front in Galicia the situation is reported to be unchanged, while in the Transcaucasus the Russians are continuing their pursuit of the fleeing Turks. The Italian theater has been without significant development.

MAY CONSOLIDATE BULL MOOSE AND REPUBLICANS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

SAN FRANCISCO, February 25.—Well-known Republicans of the state have issued a call to meet tomorrow to select a list of delegates to the Chicago Republican convention next June, the list to be presented to voters of the state, to consolidate the Republican and progressive parties on a mutually agreeable candidate. Gov. Hiram W. Johnson, Col. Theodore Roosevelt or Justice Charles E. Hughes is likely to be the choice, it is believed.

ZAPATISTAS LOSE HEAVILY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, February 26.—Despatches from Guadalupe and elsewhere in lower Texas, report that two hundred men belonging to a band of Zapatistas were killed in a battle near Oaxaca. The report adds that twelve Carranzistas were killed.

From El Paso comes the announcement that General Villa and his men yesterday burned houses at San Buen Ventura, and occupied El Valle. The Carranza commandant at Juarez given as the authority for the statement.

Samuel Mahaka Swencer, auditor of the County of Hawaii, is combining his present visit to Honolulu with taking in the carnival events and looking up official data for his office.

TARIFF DISCOUNT CASES UP BEFORE HIGHEST TRIBUNAL

Oral Argument In Tangled Customs Dispute Begins In Supreme Court

CLAUSE IN ACT INVALID
IS CLAIM OF GOVERNMENT

More Than Twenty-six Million
Dollars Involved In Settlement of Suit

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, February 26.—The oral argument in the case testing the validity of the clause in the Underwood Tariff Act which allows a discount of five per cent. of the scheduled duties on imports landed in a ship flying the American flag, was begun yesterday before the Supreme Court.

There are fourteen cases in all in which the claim of the importers to the discount in the customs charged is being contested by the government on the grounds that the clause is invalid because it is in conflict with treaty obligations that affect practically all imports and because the tariff act contains a proviso that which provisions shall not so operate as to impair obligations. The government claims that the rebate clause is unenforceable.

Millions Involved

The lower court ordered the collectors of customs to enforce the clause, the government taking appeals to the Supreme Court. The oral arguments will be concluded probably on Monday.

The government's brief in these fourteen cases was filed on January 23 by Solicitor General Davis. Involved in the cases which the government contends should be dismissed are claims estimated by customs authorities at New York to amount to \$26,000,000, as well as the question of whether granting such a discount to goods imported only in American ships would violate the terms of more than twenty commercial treaties with some of the leading nations of the world.

During the past two years the cases have been passed upon by the board of general appraisers at New York, by the court of customs appeals and by officials of the Administration charged with the enforcement of tariff laws.

Authorities Disagree

There has not been a complete agreement in the interpretations of any of these authorities. The court of customs appeals, from which the cases reached the Supreme Court, held that the five per cent discount should be allowed not only on imports in American-owned or registered ships, but on goods brought in the vessels of all nations with which the United States has commercial treaties.

Solicitor General Davis, in his brief, contends that no discount can be granted in violation of a treaty. He says the interpretation of the court of appeals virtually would mean a horizontal cut in the tariff duties on by for the larger part of all American imports, a proposition which, he declared, would not have received a single vote in either house of congress.

ASK MORE TIME TO BUILD SUBMARINES

Impossible To Complete Craft In
Period Allowed

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, February 26.—The Electric Boat Company was found to be the lowest bidder for the construction of the two 1500-ton submarines, authorized for 1915, when the bids were opened at the navy department yesterday, but the low bid was submitted with the condition that the time limit for the completion of the craft would have to be extended longer than specified.

The bidders informed Secretary Daniels that it would be impossible to complete the submarines in the twenty-two months allowed and that the shortest time within which they would undertake to deliver the ships would be thirty months. Steel for the ships cannot now be secured, while it will be necessary to carry on some experiments before the actual work of construction can be begun, the Electric Boat officials explain.

Navy department officials are considering, under these circumstances, asking congress for a modification of the conditions attached to the appropriation for the submarines to permit the money to be spent on smaller submarines, which can be built more quickly.

Beware of Colds.

Children are much more likely to contract the contagious diseases which they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. That is why all medical authorities say beware of colds. For the quick cure of colds you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by retailers. Henson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.

DEMOCRATS SPLIT WIDE OPEN OVER RIGHTS OF TRAVEL

Senator Gore Succeeds In Introducing His Warning Resolution

BRYAN ONCE AGAIN IN
FIELD AGAINST HIS CHIEF

Sends Telegrams To Solon's Attacking Policy of Mr. Wilson

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, February 25.—Developments in Congress today showed more plainly than ever the split among Democrats upon the issue of the right of Americans to travel upon armed merchantmen of the belligerents.

The movement to get Congress on record as warning Americans not to travel on such ships was again renewed today, and as part of it comes the vigorous efforts made by ex-Secretary of State Bryan to defeat the President's efforts to compel observance by foreign powers of the right of American travel.

Travelers Warned

Senator Gore of Oklahoma, whose resolution yesterday to get Congress on record as warning Americans off these vessels was objected to and postponed, succeeded in introducing the resolution today under the "unanimous consent" rule. It warns Americans not to travel on armed belligerent vessels.

Read Bryan Message

One of the sensational features of the day was the receipt of telegrams from Bryan by numerous members, among the members of the lower house. These telegrams, virtually identical in wording, were in support of the movement to warn Americans off armed belligerent ships.

The message was read from the floor of the house. The concluding sentence says: "The people of an American city keeps the people of his city out of the danger zone during a riot. Our government cannot afford to do less when the world is in riot."

Senators Reed and Bailey attempted to read the Bryan message from the floor of the senate.

Senator Clark, who was in the chair, withheld the gavel and the senate turned to other business.

Wilson Holds Conference

President Wilson spent the morning in discussing the problems of foreign relations with administration leaders and officials. Administration officials say that the President's warning, contained in the letter to Senator Stone of the committee of foreign relations, that the United States must defend international law against infractions, is directed toward all belligerents.

Senator Lodge, ranking Republican member of the foreign relations committee, stated today that he is in full accord with the President's views as contained in the Stone letter.

Administration leaders leaving the White House today declared that they believe the situation is serious.

BUDDHIST MISSION WANTS OLD LEADER BACK AGAIN

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)

TOKIO, February 25.—For the third time, the Buddhist Hongwanji mission is attempting to persuade Count Kozui Otani to return to its leadership. He resigned three years after a scandal connected with the finances, and twice has refused to assume the leadership. His brother, Konyo Otani, will leave India to meet the count en route to India and Tibet from Shanghai, to transmit to him the request of the officers in Kyoto to resume his position. Count Konyo Otani, son of Konyo, seven years old, is the nominal head of the mission now.

VICTOR OF TSING-TAU REWARDED BY EMPEROR

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)

TOKIO, February 25.—General M. Kamo, general in command of the Japanese forces which took Tsingtau from the Germans, has been decorated with the Order of the Golden Kite, first class, and the Order of the Rising Sun, first class, by Emperor Yoshihito, and has been granted a pension of yen 1500 a year. The general is ill. The emperor will send a representative to call upon him.

SWEDES TAKE NO CHANCES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

OMAHA, Nebraska, February 26.—That the government of Sweden intends to take no chances of becoming embroiled with the Germans over the question of the right of neutrals to travel on the merchant ships of belligerents, even though the latter be armed for defense, was indicated yesterday when the Swedish consul published a warning to all Swedish vessels not to travel on such ships after the twentieth, the date given in the Austrian and German notes as the time when they will begin a submarine campaign against all armed merchantmen.

ROBERT W. SHINGLE RESIGNS HIS SEAT AS A SUPERVISOR

Member of Committee On Roads Retires On Account of Press of Private Business

CANNOT DEVOTE TIME
TO MUNICIPAL DUTIES

Requests Mayor To Consider His Office Vacant On Or Before Fifteenth of March

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

Robert W. Shingle has presented his resignation as a member of the board of supervisors to Mayor Lane. In his letter of resignation he states that while he is always willing to serve the people, and knows there are many important questions before the municipal government to be settled, his private business precludes the possibility of his remaining longer as an official of the administration.

Mr. Shingle was appointed by Mayor Lane to take the place on the board made vacant by the death last year of Supervisor James C. Quinn. Since his appointment Mr. Shingle has been one of the most active members of the committee on roads and has had a deal to do with shaping the policy of the committee.

"I sincerely regret that pressure of private business compels me to tender my resignation as a member of the board of supervisors for the city and county of Honolulu, to take effect at your pleasure not later than March 15, as I am leaving for the mainland on that date," wrote Mr. Shingle to the mayor. "I am sorry to leave the board as I realize that there are many serious problems to work out for the welfare of the people, foremost of which is the frontage tax improvement. In order to be able to meet these responsibilities, as well as to carry out the ordinary duties of a supervisor, it requires nearly all of one's time. I am willing to serve the people but under the present circumstances I am obliged to withdraw."

The Mayor has not as yet accepted the resignation of Mr. Shingle and is endeavoring to have him change his mind. Mayor Lane has no one in view to take the place and will, he says, have a hard time to find a man of the ability of the retiring supervisor to fill the vacancy.

ASKS EXPLANATION OF CHINA INCIDENT

United States Sending Protest
To Great Britain

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, February 26.—Ambassador Page has been instructed to inquire at the British foreign office regarding the removal of Germans, Austrians and Turks from the American steamer Chinan, by a British warship. He has been told that if the seizure was committed upon the high seas the United States will demand the release of the persons so seized. The state department yesterday announced that the United States is now ready to forward to Great Britain further protests against the British enforcement of the coastward orders and of the stoppage of American mails.

MAY FORMULATE POLICY OF JAPANESE IN CHINA

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji.)

TOKIO, February 25.—To formulate suggestions for a Japanese policy in China and to transmit them to the government for consideration, the Japan-China society, whose members for the most part are of the Kokumin party, has called a meeting for tomorrow, with leaders of the Seiyukai, Doshikai, Kakuminto and Chueikai parties and of the independents have been invited. The diet is due to close February 29, but it may postpone adjournment.

GOVERNMENT SECURES DYES FROM GERMANY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

BERLIN, February 26.—Through the efforts of the American embassy and the efforts of the American consulate here, shipments of aniline dyes which the government must have for the printing of postage stamps and the printing of greenbacks have been started on their way to the United States. Efforts on the part of the American government are being made also to secure the release of previous shipments now detained in Holland ports.

INTERNEED SHIPS SEIZED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, February 26.—Local newspapers assert that the government has taken over more than eighty German and Austrian vessels interdicted in various Portuguese ports. At St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, eight German steamers have been requisitioned by the Portuguese authorities.

SENATE CONFIRMS FLETCHER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, February 25.—The senate today confirmed the nomination of Henry P. Fletcher to be ambassador to Mexico, by a vote of 49 to 16.

ELECTION HELD AT ANNUAL MEETING

Board Hears Report of Manager
Adams and Notes Many Improvements

Kahuku Plantation Company held its annual meeting yesterday, for the election of directors and officers for the ensuing year. Manager Andrew Adams reported that financially the crop of 1915 was a profitable one although the tonnage per acre and for the plantation was lower than in 1914 and cost of production higher.

The crop of 1916 will be smaller than the one just harvested. Gridding commenced a month later than last year. The sucrose and juice to date are about normal but the manager fears there may be a falling off early on account of the torrential rains later this year.

Pineapples Do Not Jibe With Cane

"Planting for this crop was finished early and the young cane had all the advantage of the good growing weather last year. Some of the ratoons were taken under cultivation late. This was owing to the fact that nearly fifteen per cent of the laborers left the plantation during the busy season of the year for work in the pineapple harvesting fields. The cane grew well during the year.

The 1915 crop area will be less than for 1916.

It is proposed planting areas larger than experimental plots with several of the most promising varieties of cane other than Lahaina and Yellow California.

Many Improvements

Kahuku has installed a Searby shredder. The manager stated that "this installation made other improvements at the mill necessary. The per cent extraction of sucrose in cane for the crop of 1915 was 95.00 per cent. A furnace has been constructed under one of the standard horizontal tubular boilers at the factory for burning molasses. This furnace is designed to both save the potash in the molasses and to generate steam for use in the boiling house. In addition, crystallizers were installed in the boiling house and several labor saving devices in the sugar room.

Can Remove Machinery When Lease Expires

"Excepting a very few acres, all the land occupied by this company is owned by the estate of the late James Campbell. This company holds under a sublease from the Oahu Railway and Land Company.

"In November a payment of \$20,000 was made to the trustees of the Campbell estate, in consideration of extending to the expiration of the sublease an agreement, made in 1891 to expire in 1920, granting to the Kahuku Plantation Company the right to remove from the leased premises any machinery or railway plant which it might have placed thereon.

Physical Condition Good

"On January 1, 1915, the aggregate book value of the mill and machinery, railroad and pump which this company had placed on the estate's land was \$442,822.33. The extension of the removal agreement increased the value of the above named plant, since they are never revert to the owners of the land. The \$20,000 payment made in consideration of the extension was therefore included in the improvements of the year.

Cutting Production Costs

"Advantage was taken of the high price of sugar to substitute concrete for wooden construction in many field flumes and waterways, to make great expenditures for improving storm and drainage ditches and to reduce some of the grades and straighten some of the railroad lines. Many other alterations of a similar nature were made to reduce annual operating expenses.

"There was very little sickness among the employees during the year. A labor bonus amounting to \$18,900 was paid to the employees."

TURKS IN TRANS-Caucasus PREPARING TO MAKE STAND

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PETROGRAD, February 25.—Unofficial dispatches from the Trans-Caucasus front say that the Turks have been forced back forty miles from Erzerum in the past week. They have now received reinforcements, and the indications are that they will make a stand and a battle will shortly develop.

HUGHES IS NOT A CANDIDATE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

NEW YORK, February 25.—In a letter addressed to Henry A. Wise Wood, former member of the House of Representatives, Justice Hughes reiterates that he is not a candidate for the presidency, actively or tacitly.

GEORGIA MOB LYNCHES NEGRO

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

CARTERSVILLE, Georgia, February 25.—A negro, who had attacked a white woman, was hanged from the city hall today by fifty men and boys and the body riddled with bullets.

FIGURES FOR RAID GROW

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, February 26.—According to the revised figures of the Zeppelin raid January 31, the total of casualties reached 67 killed and 117 injured. The revised figures were issued last night by the admiralty.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Caldwell). Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. The signature of W. W. GROVE is on each box. Manufactured by the PARIS MEDICINE CO., 311 North U. S. A.

FIERCE FIGHTS IN FRONT OF VERDUN GROW IN FURY FAST

Warring Forces Now Clashing
Along Woivre, Argonne and
Champagne Lines While Count-
less Hundreds Die in Snow

TREMENDOUS LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES REPORTED

Berlin Tells of Ten Thousand
French Prisoners, While Paris
Speaks of Salient That Prov-
ed Trap For Host of Teutons

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

LONDON, February 26.—With unprecedented violence and slaughter the great struggle for the possession of the Verdun lines is continuing, while the battle has now been extended until the forces are clashing along the entire Woivre, Argonne and Champagne fronts.

Conducting reports of the outcome are being received from the vast battlefield, the French claiming that they are holding their ground generally and mowing down the clouds of German attack, repulsing the attacks and quelling such successive efforts of the Kaiser's bloody and fruitless failure.

Berlin Claims Gains

The Berlin war office, on the other hand, claims that the Germans have taken already a total of ten thousand French prisoners and have driven their attack deep into the French lines, capturing a number of the fortified towns of the Meuse in the Champagne and occupied many important French positions in the Woivre and Argonne sections.

Both sides agree that the battle is terrific, with the casualties mounting into the many thousands for each of the great armies. The roar of the thousands of cannon is to be heard far from the scene of the actual fighting, reports from as far distant as the left bank of the Rhine, in Rhenish Prussia, stating that the reverberations of the guns are being listened to by villagers and townsfolk.

Battle in Snow Storm

The battle before Verdun is being fought now in the midst of a heavy snowstorm, but the elements are not being allowed to interfere with the slaughter except to make the work of the Red Cross in searching out the wounded more and more difficult. Hundreds of helpless men are being covered up by the snow as they fall and hidden from all assistance.

On the Champagne front, where the Germans had driven a salient into the French lines, the latter counter-attacked so successfully that the salient was closed behind the Germans and the whole force of several thousand was either killed or captured.

Yesterday, according to the reports from Verdun, the Crown Prince had driven his force into the tip of the Verdun salient and crushed back the French to within two miles of the outlying